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**End of an era...**

On this our final monthly meeting in Belvoir Theatre, Belfast U3A express our sincere gratitude to the Theatre for providing us with a "home" for almost 20 years. To the former manager, Richard Mills, and his present successor, Conor Maguire, and to Michael and his team of helpers, members have appreciated your courtesy and personal attention to our needs at all times.

**Lena McCann, Chairperson. February 2019**

Our **Annual Lunch** is on **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April** in Malone Golf Club. Soft Drinks Reception from 12 noon followed by a 4-course lunch. £26. Please sign sheet at Feb or March meetings or contact Moya Crunden. Please place cheque, payable to Belfast U3A, in a sealed envelope and print your name, tel. no., email address, your choice of starter and main course and 'Annual Lunch' on it. Payment (by cheque only, please) in full by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** to secure your place. Menu on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/belfast>

**Jazz Group** If you would be interested in becoming a Convenor for the temporarily disbanded Jazz Group, please contact Maureen Pimley

**Belfast U3A website** Please note that Liz Hunter, website administrator, will be in the entrance area from 10.15 a.m. at monthly meetings to answer any questions regarding the website.

The **U3A Summer School** will be held in Greenmount Agricultural College on 18th and 19th June 2019. To register your interest (no commitment at this stage) please send your name, address, phone number and email address to [summerschoolni2019@gmail.com](mailto:summerschoolni2019@gmail.com) (don't miss the 'ni' after 'school')

The **Inter-U3A Quiz** will be held on Friday 15th March in Fratelli, Gt Victoria Street, Belfast. Lunch at 12.30, quiz to follow. 4 members per table - £12.50 p.p. including lunch. Closing date Friday 1st March.

**All-weather Walking Group**

**Thurs. a.m.** - Short, flat walks with Amblers (Liz McArdle) or longer walks with Ramblers (Brenda McHugh). **1st Thurs. of month** Mourne walks with Scramblers (Rosemary Hunter) & Not the Munros (Jennifer Lemon)

**Archaeology Group**

**Tues.12th March 1.30 p.m.** A guided tour (50 mins. approx.) of research areas and document displays at the Public Record Office of NI in Titanic Quarter. (Glider G2, Wellington Place) **NB:** Photographic ID will be required to be sighted by the PRONI staff Please sign sheet at meeting or contact convenors

**Art Appreciation Group**

**Fri.22nd March 2.30 p.m.** Visit to National Gallery, Dublin, to see 'Canaletto and the Art of Venice'. €10 payable on the day. Dep. **10.35 a.m.** Lanyon Place Station. Please sign sheet at meeting or contact Sandra Foster

**Art Club**

**Tues. 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** in **Belvoir Community Hub**, Belvoir Drive. New day, time and venue. Group at full capacity for now.

**Badminton Group**

**Mon. & Fri. 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.** Avoniel Leisure Centre. Racquets & shuttlecocks provided by the Centre.

**Book Group 1**

**Mon. 4th March 7.30 p.m.** 'The Sea, the Sea' by Iris Murdoch. Meet in Susan Mageean's home. The group now has full capacity.

**Book Group 2**

**Tues.26th March 10.30 a.m.** 'South Riding' by Winifred Holtby. Meet in Tess Moore's home.

**Book Group 3**

**Tues.5th March 2.00 p.m.** in Finaghy Library. 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' by Heather Morris. The group is at full capacity for the moment.

**Bowling Group**

**Tues. 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** Musgrave Park Bowling Club. Playing indoor short mats until April 2019. Some bowls available to borrow. New members welcome - please contact Convenors

**Bridge Group - Duplicate**

**Fridays 9.50 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** at St. Anne's Hall, Dunmurry. For more info, see website or contact convenors.

**Bridge Group - Informal**

**Fridays at 10.00 a.m. & Mondays 2.00 p.m.** in the Convenor's home. Both groups are now at full capacity.

### **Bridge Lessons - Improvers**

**Tues. 12 noon - 2.00 p.m.** St. Anne's Hall, Dunmurry. Group is now at full capacity.

### **Brunch Group**

#### **Alternate Saturdays at 12 noon**

**2nd March** Harlem, Bedford Street

**16th March** Deanes Deli, Bedford Street

**30th March** Cafe Parisien (upstairs in old Robinson & Cleaver's building opposite City Hall)

The Brunch Group has currently reached capacity.

### **Canasta Group**

**1st & 3rd Tues. 2-4 p.m. & 1st & 3rd Wed. 2-4 p.m.** Both groups meet in Convenor's home. Please contact Convenor for details.

### **Classical Music Appreciation**

**2nd Tues. of month 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.**

Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church Hall. March topic: In-depth presentation by Keith Thompson on Beethoven's String Quartets with special emphasis on String Quartet in A minor, Opus 132 No.15

### **Concert/theatre Group**

**Sat. 30th March 2.00 p.m.** 'Dark of the Moon' at the Lyric Theatre. £14.

Please sign sheet at meeting or contact Maureen

### **Craft Group**

**Wed. 10.30a.m. - noon** at Tesco's Newtownbreda Community Room - for needlework, knitting and nattering!

### **Creative Writing**

**Mon. 2-4 p.m.** Ormeau Library. Newcomers please contact convenor.

**Cycling Group** Meets **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. mornings.**

Please contact convenor for details

### **Exercises for the Body and Brain**

**1st and 3rd Tues. each month 2 - 3 p.m.** in Belvoir Players Theatre.

### **Film Group**

Usually meets for cinema visits, and optional post-film coffee, on **alternate Mondays**. If the convenors have your email address, they will keep you informed of the Group's outings.

### **French Conversation**

**Fri.** Finaghy Library. Beginners Conversation group **10.00 -11.30 a.m.** / Intermediate/Advanced Conversation group **11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**

### **Fundrama**

Drama group meets **Thurs 11.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.** at Finaghy Methodist Church (at cross roads) except on last Thursdays (monthly meeting) when time is **2.00 - 4.00p.m.** No previous experience necessary - only an interest in drama. All welcome - especially a few men!

### **Garden Group**

An outing in April will be announced next month.

### **Genealogy Group**

**1st Mon. each month 10.30 a.m.** in the Public Record Office of N.I. (PRONI), Titanic Quarter.

### **Glee Club**

**2nd & 4th Tues.** each month **2.00 - 3.30 p.m.** in Belvoir Players Theatre. *Enthusiasm is more important than perfect pitch, so do come and join in!*

### **Golf Group**

Please watch the website for further information. Please contact convenor if you would like to be part of the Golf group.

### **Intermediate Irish Class**

**Thurs. 1.30-3.30 p.m.** Ormeau Library. New members with a little knowledge of the language will be very welcome.

### **Let's Go Group**

**Mon.25th March** History tour of Drumbeg Church and Graveyard. Meet at church at **10.30 a.m.** Donations to church. Please sign sheet at meeting or contact convenors.

### **Literature Group**

**Wed.10.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m.,** Finaghy Library. At present group at full capacity

### **Military History Group**

**11 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri.** of month in the Cairns Room, Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church hall.

### **Photography Group**

Next meeting is **Wed. 13th March 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.** in Tesco Newtownbreda Community Room. Anyone wishing to join the group, please contact the convenor.

### **Pilates Group**

**Mon. and Wed. 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.** at Belvoir Players. Monday group now at full capacity. Newcomers please contact relevant convenor.

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### **Plato's Parlour**

A Ramble through Philosophy.

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Thurs. of month, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.** Tesco Newtownbreda Community Room.

### **Play Reading Group**

**Tuesdays 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.** at Tesco Newtownbreda's Community Room. New members and new ideas always welcome.

### **Poetry Reading Group**

**2nd & 4th Tues.of month 1.45 - 3.15p.m.** Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church Hall. New members should contact one of the convenors.

### **Rambling with a Sketch Book**

Meet up at venue **2nd Sun. monthly** and do your own art thing. Reconvene 1½-2 hours later in an agreed cafe/pub for show-and-tell and coffee/lunch. Please contact Convenor for details

### **Scrabble Group**

**Thurs. 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.** Tesco Newtownbreda Community Room.

### **Sunday Lunch group**

**2nd Sun. of month at 1.30 p.m.** in Malone Lodge Hotel. Please contact Convenor.

### **Tai Chi**

**Wed. 11.00 a.m.** in Divis Community Centre. £2.

**Fri. 11.15 a.m.** Grove Well Being Centre. £2.20. Newcomers please tel. convenor

### **The Last Word**

Our discussion group meets **Fridays 1.30.-3.00 p.m.** at Belvoir Players.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**11.00 a.m. Thursday 28th March**

VENUE: **Balmoral Hotel, Blacks Road**

PSNI speaker on 'Internet Scams'

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